IN THE CLAIMS

Please consider the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for automatically pausing a live video program in response to an occurrence of an event, comprising:

receiving an input from a user, the input identifying at least one predetermined originator of an incoming request for communications;

receiving a live video program and outputting the live video program for presentation on a display device;

detecting an occurrence of the incoming request for communications during the live video program, the incoming request comprises an e-mail, wherein the e-mail is detected via an e-mail communications software;

pausing the outputting of the live video program immediately upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that an originator of the incoming request for communications comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators;

buffering the live video program upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that the originator of the incoming request for communications comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators; and

outputting a signal for displayIng an indication of the occurrence of the incoming request for communications.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the outputting the signal step includes outputting the signal for displaying ~~a telephone number~~ an identity of a sender associated with the ~~incoming telephone call~~ e-mail.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the outputting the signal step includes outputting the signal for displaying a ~~text~~ message associated with the ~~telephone number~~ e-mail.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the outputting the signal step includes outputting the signal for displaying a graphic associated with the ~~telephone number~~ e-mail.

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the outputting the signal step includes outputting the e-mail for presentation on the display device.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the outputting the signal step includes outputting ~~the~~ a message of the e-mail for presentation on the display device.

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further including:

receiving a play signal to restart the buffered live video program; and

transmitting, in response to the play signal, the buffered live video program for presentation on the display device starting at an approximate location where the live video program was paused.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, further including:

receiving a fast forward signal to increase a rate of transmission of the buffered live video program; and

transmitting, in response to the fast forward signal, the buffered live video program at an increased rate for presentation of an increased rate of display of the buffered live video program on the display device.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, further including:

receiving a rewind signal to reverse a rate of transmission of the buffered live video program; and

transmitting, in response to the rewind signal, the buffered live video program at a reversed rate for presentation of a reversed rate of display of the buffered live video program on the display device.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, further including:

receiving a slow motion signal to decrease a rate of transmission of the buffered live video program; and

transmitting, in response to the slow motion signal, the buffered live video program at an decreased rate for presentation of a decreased rate of display of the buffered live video program on the display device.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further including:

receiving a frame forward signal to display a next frame of the buffered live video program; and

transmitting, in response to the frame forward signal, a next frame of the buffered live video program for presentation of the next frame on the display device.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further including:

receiving a frame back signal to display a previous frame of the buffered live video program; and

transmitting, in response to the frame back signal, a previous frame of the buffered live video program for presentation of the previous frame on the display device.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, further including:

receiving a jump signal to display the live video program from a current point of transmission; and

transmitting, in response to the jump signal, the live video program for presentation of the live video program from the current point of transmission on the

display device.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving step includes receiving information to associate an identity of a sender with ~~a particular phone number~~ the e-mail.

20. (original) The method of claim 19 wherein the receiving information step includes receiving textual information or graphical information.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 19 wherein:

the detecting step includes detecting occurrence of an incoming ~~telephone call~~ e-mail associated with the ~~particular phone number~~ the identity of the sender; and

the outputting step includes outputting the signal for displaying the information associated with the ~~particular phone number~~ identity of the sender.

22. (currently amended) An apparatus for automatically pausing a live video program in response to an occurrence of an event, comprising:

a first receive module for receiving an input from a user, the input identifying at least one predetermined originator of an incoming request for communications;

a second receive module for receiving [[a]] the live video program and outputting the live video program for presentation on a display device;

a detection module for detecting an occurrence of the incoming request for communications during the live video program, the request coming from other than a viewer of the live video program and the request comprises an e-mail, wherein the e-mail is detected via an e-mail communications software;

a pause module for pausing the outputting of the live video program immediately upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that an originator of the incoming request for communications comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators;

a buffer module for initiating, upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that the originator of the incoming request for communications comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators,

buffering of the live video program; and

an output module for outputting a signal for displaying an indication of the occurrence of the incoming request for communications.

23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the output module includes a module for outputting the signal for displaying ~~a telephone number~~ an identity of a sender associated with the ~~incoming telephone call~~ e-mail.

25. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the output module includes a module for outputting the signal for displaying a ~~text~~ message associated with the ~~telephone number~~ e-mail.

26. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the output module includes a module for outputting the signal for displaying a graphic associated with the ~~telephone number~~ e-mail.

27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the output module includes a module for outputting the e-mail for presentation on the display device.

29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the output module includes a module for outputting ~~the~~ a message of the e-mail for presentation on the display device.

31. (canceled)

32. (canceled)

33. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 22, further including:

a module for receiving a play signal to restart the buffered live video program; and

a module for transmitting, in response to the play signal, the buffered live video program for presentation on the display device starting at an approximate location where the live video program was paused.

34. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 33, further including:

a module for receiving a fast forward signal to increase a rate of transmission of the buffered live video program; and

a module for transmitting, in response to the fast forward signal, the buffered live video program at an increased rate for presentation of an increased rate of display of the buffered live video program on the display device.

35. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 33, further including:

a module for receiving a rewind signal to reverse a rate of transmission of the buffered live video program; and

a module for transmitting, in response to the rewind signal, the buffered live video program at a reversed rate for presentation of a reversed rate of display of the buffered live video program on the display device.

36. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 33, further including:

a module for receiving a slow motion signal to decrease a rate of transmission of the buffered live video program; and

a module for transmitting, in response to the slow motion signal, the buffered live video program at an decreased rate for presentation of a decreased rate of display of the buffered live video program on the display device.

37. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 22, further including:

a module for receiving a frame forward signal to display a next frame of the buffered live video program; and

a module for transmitting, in response to the frame forward signal, a next frame of the buffered live video program for presentation of the next frame on the display device.

38. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 22, further including:

a module for receiving a frame back signal to display a previous frame of the buffered live video program; and

a module for transmitting, in response to the frame back signal, a previous frame of the buffered live video program for presentation of the previous frame on the display device.

39. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 33, further including:

a module for receiving a jump signal to display the live video program from a current point of transmission; and

a module for transmitting, in response to the jump signal, the live video program for presentation of the live video program from the current point of transmission on the display device.

40. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the receive module includes a module for receiving information to associate an identity of a sender with ~~a particular phone number~~ the e-mail.

41. (original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein the module for receiving information includes a module for receiving textual information or graphical information.

42. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein:

the detection module includes a module for detecting occurrence of an incoming ~~telephone call~~ e-mail associated with the ~~particular phone number~~ identity of the sender; and

the output module includes a module for outputting the signal for displaying the information associated with the ~~particular phone number~~ identity of the sender.

43. (currently amended) A computer program product, comprising:

a computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method for automatically pausing a live video program in response to an occurrence of an event, the method including:

receiving an input from a user, the input identifying at least one predetermined originator of an incoming request for communications;

receiving [[a]] the live video program and outputting the live video program for presentation on a display device;

detecting an occurrence of the incoming request for communications during the video program, the request coming from other than a viewer of the live video program and the request comprises an e-mail, wherein the e-mail is detected via an e-mail communications software;

pausing the outputting of the live video program immediately upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that an originator of the incoming request for communications comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators; and

buffering the live video program upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that the originator of the incoming request for communications comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators; and

outputting a signal for displaying an indication of the occurrence of the incoming request for communications.

44. (canceled)

45. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 44 wherein the outputting the signal step includes outputting the signal for displaying ~~a telephone number~~ an identity of a sender associated with the ~~incoming telephone call~~ e-mail.

46. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 45 wherein the outputting the signal step includes outputting the signal for displaying a ~~text~~ message associated with the ~~telephone number~~ e-mail.

47. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 45 wherein the outputting the signal step includes outputting the signal for displaying a graphic associated with the ~~telephone number~~ e-mail.

48. (canceled)

49. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 43 wherein the outputting the signal step includes outputting the e-mail for presentation on the display device.

50. (canceled)

51. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 43 wherein the outputting the signal step includes outputting ~~the~~ a message of the e-mail for presentation on the display device.

52. (canceled)

53. (canceled)

54. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 43, further including:

receiving a play signal to restart the buffered live video program; and

transmitting, in response to the play signal, the buffered live video program for presentation on the display device starting at an approximate location where the live video program was paused.

55. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 54, further including:

receiving a fast forward signal to increase a rate of transmission of the buffered live video program; and

transmitting, in response to the fast forward signal, the buffered live video program at an increased rate for presentation of an increased rate of display of the buffered live video program on the display device.

56. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 54, further including:

receiving a rewind signal to reverse a rate of transmission of the buffered live video program; and

transmitting, in response to the rewind signal, the buffered live video program at a reversed rate for presentation of a reversed rate of display of the buffered live video program on the display device.

57. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 54, further including:

receiving a slow motion signal to decrease a rate of transmission of the buffered live video program; and

transmitting, in response to the slow motion signal, the buffered live video program at an decreased rate for presentation of a decreased rate of display of the buffered live video program on the display device.

58. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 43, further including:

receiving a frame forward signal to display a next frame of the buffered live video program; and

transmitting, in response to the frame forward signal, a next frame of the buffered live video program for presentation of the next frame on the display device.

59. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 43, further including:

receiving a frame back signal to display a previous frame of the buffered live video program; and

transmitting, in response to the frame back signal, a previous frame of the

buffered live video program for presentation of the previous frame on the display device.

60. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 54, further including:

receiving a jump signal to display the live video program from a current point of transmission; and

transmitting, in response to the jump signal, the live video program for presentation of the live video program from the current point of transmission on the display device.

61. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 43 wherein the receiving step includes receiving information to associate an identity of a sender with a ~~particular phone number~~ the e-mail.

62. (original) The computer program product of claim 61 wherein the receiving information step includes receiving textual information or graphical information.

63. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 61 wherein:

the detecting step includes detecting occurrence of an incoming ~~telephone call~~ e-mail associated with the ~~particular phone number~~ the identity of the sender; and

the outputting step includes outputting the signal for displaying the information associated with the ~~particular phone number~~ identity of the sender.

64-81. (cancelled)